

OHLONE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

MEMORANDUM

TO: Board of Trustees

FROM: Doug Treadway

DATE: October 24, 2007

SUBJECT: Accreditation: Newark Center Substantive Change Proposal

When a college plans to offer more than 50% of a degree program at an off campus site, there must be approval by the Accrediting Commission for Junior and Community Colleges (ACCJC) through Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC). This is accomplished through the development of a Substantive Change Proposal, which includes a site visit by an ACCJC/WASC team.

Our Newark Center for Health Science and Technology will house several full degree programs; thus, we need to submit a Substantive Change Proposal. Discussion last year with WASC staff led to the decision to include this proposal and the required site visit in our overall accreditation self study currently being completed. The intent is to combine the upcoming visit for our District accreditation in March of 2008 to include a visit for the Substantive Change approval.

Associate Vice President Leta Stagnaro will give the Board an overview of the Substantive Change Proposal and respond to any questions the Board or public may have.

RECOMMENDATION:

The President/Superintendent recommends approval of this Substantive Change proposal.